

Natalie P. Black

January 9, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

In re: Reply to Comments; DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I fully appreciate and support the Commission's work to promote efficient spectrum use. As a resident of a rural state, I believe it is especially important to encourage innovative endeavors that will make effective use of our limited spectrum resources, while increasing mobile network availability in underserved communities. That is why I want to add my comments to those I've seen in support of LightSquared's application to share spectrum. I believe it will improve coverage in rural areas, while ultimately making services more affordable for consumers.

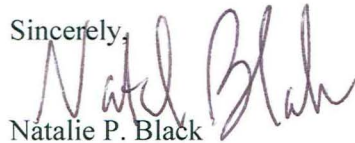
I have traveled around the country, and I spent several years living in large cities, where mobile access is less of an issue. However, here in my home state of Arkansas, we are frequently reminded that limited service is still a problem. I am a stylist at a popular salon in Little Rock. Since my "office" is slightly unconventional, I rely almost entirely on my smartphone and tablet to schedule appointments, order supplies, and keep up with trends and changes in my industry. However, these business practices would be very difficult in some rural areas of our state, where coverage is not reliable.

It is my understanding LightSquared has committed to protecting federal operations in the 5 MHz it proposes to share. This kind of private investment in our wireless infrastructure further secures our economy and national well-being. As I mentioned, this will also help increase the affordability and availability of current wireless broadband networks, which is vital for rural states like mine.

Increased competition in the wireless marketplace would be a good thing for consumers, and LightSquared spectrum sharing proposal will be good use of our limited spectrum.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Natalie P. Black
Little Rock, Arkansas

cc:

U.S. Senator Mark Pryor
U.S. Senator John Boozman
U.S. Representative Steve Womack